

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dubelsten et al.

Filed: Herewith

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONTINUOUS FORMATION OF
COMPOSITES HAVING FILLER AND
THERMOACTIVE MATERIALS, AND
PRODUCTS MADE BY THE METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as requested below before this application receives substantive examination.

In the Claims:

Please cancel ~~claims 26-31~~ and 66-72 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the features of the cancelled claims.

Please add the following new claims:

A Sub B1 --73. The apparatus according to claim 1 and further comprising a surface modifier for surface modifying at least a portion of a surface of the composite.

74. The apparatus according to claim 73 where the surface modifying apparatus operates by flame oxidation, corona oxidation, e-beam, photoactivation, and combinations thereof.